

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, constituted in the regular army in July 1916, the 13th Artillery served in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; and
- WHEREAS, the 7th Battalion/13th Artillery was activated under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Donald J. Majikas and was deployed to Vietnam from Camp Irwin, California, in June 1966; and
- WHEREAS, during its 4 years in Vietnam, the 7/13th participated in operations Meng Ho 7, Thayer II, Pershing I, Pershing II, Patrick, Velvet Hammer, and Cochise Green and was also actively engaged in programs to help improve the health and living conditions of the people of South Vietnam; and
- WHEREAS, the 7/13th was awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation, 11 of the 17 bronze campaign stars awarded during the Vietnam War, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm; and
- WHEREAS, South Carolina is proud to recognize the members of the 7/13th Field Artillery Regiment for serving *without fear, favor, or the hope of reward*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2013, as

7/13TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT APPRECIATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to pay tribute to the brave members of the 7/13th Field Artillery Regiment and their families for their extraordinary service that has help to keep our nation secure and advance the cause of freedom worldwide.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA